

Nearly one year ago, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a decision regarding City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson, holding that cities may enforce rules pertaining to homeless encampments and regulation of public spaces.

Since then, many Southern California cities, in an effort to protect health and safety, have enacted stronger rules regulating encampments. Last summer, Governor Newsom directed State agencies to address encampments on State property, and urged local cities to do the same. On May 12, 2025, Governor Newsom took further action, announcing a model ordinance that can be customized by cities to address encampments, using their authority affirmed by the Supreme Court.

While other cities have adopted new rules, Los Angeles’s regulatory framework dates to a pre-Grants Pass era when City policy was made in response to settlements and judicial rulings that are no longer applicable given the Supreme Court’s actions.

It is time for Los Angeles to update its own rules and implement additional common sense policies to protect health and safety on its sidewalks and in its public spaces, bringing them in line not just with other cities but the expectation of Angelenos.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 in the following ways:

- Amend Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18(c)(1), 41.18(c)(2) and 41.18(c)(3) to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property without Council having to designate such sites via a council resolution.
- Add United States Post Offices, Fire Stations and Police Stations as a “Sensitive Use.”
- Amend 41.18 to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property within 500 feet of a Fire Hazard Severity Zone, environmentally sensitive area and critical infrastructure.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to report on the feasibility of amending 41.18 to prohibit encampments as presented in Section XXI(b) of Governor Newsom’s Model Ordinance.

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